

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 247

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program Teams of Fayette Academy, Haywood County 4-H, Hardin County, Henderson County 4-H, and Rossville Christian Academy.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program (TNSCTP) was founded in 2001 as a competitive shooting sports program for elementary through college-aged students; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Wildlife Federation has grown the program to national recognition, with local, regional, and state-level competitions in skeet, sporting clays, and trap shooting sports; and

WHEREAS, TNSCTP now includes more than 2,000 participants on more than 100 teams statewide; and

WHEREAS, Fayette Academy, Hardin County, Haywood County 4-H, Henderson County 4-H, and Rossville Christian Academy are teams in the twenty-six Tennessee Senate District; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette Academy Vikings Trap Team formed for the 2011-2012 TNSCTP trap season and has eight athletes for the 2012-2013 season being coached by Keith Webb; and

WHEREAS, the Hardin County HITMEN Trap Team was formed in the fall of 2004, expanded to include the Hardin County Middle School in 2009, and won several Regional and State awards in 2011 and 2012, with thirty-two athletes for the 2012-2013 season being coached by Michael Carman; and

WHEREAS, the Haywood County Young Guns Team which was started in 2007, won State Championships in 2010, 2011, and 2012, and the 2012 Intermediate Entry National Skeet

Championship, and has thirteen athletes for the 2012-2013 season being coached by Danny Coulston; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County 4-H Trap Team, which was formed in 2004, consistently attends Regional, State, and National Championships, and has nineteen athletes coached by Bobby Olive; and

WHEREAS, Rossville Christian Academy was formed in 2012 and will be competing for the first time in the 2012-2013 season, with eleven athletes coached by Jeff Abein; and

WHEREAS, TNSCTP teaches discipline, focus, teamwork, safety, and other positive life skills in a family atmosphere; providing an opportunity for parents and children to bond over practice and through travel events around a sport they can practice and compete in for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the TNSCTP offers an opportunity for boys and girls to compete head-to-head in a sport for kids who may not be interested in more traditional field sports; and

WHEREAS, TNSCTP strives to impact the lives of youth by promoting excellence in scholarship, responsibility, and sportsmanship in competition and the development of a passion for Tennessee's great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, TNSCTP accomplishes these goals through its college scholarship program, extensive safety training, and multiple youth hunting opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program, under the leadership of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, has become a national model for youth shotgun sports competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the continued successful operation and growth of the Fayette Academy, Haywood County 4-H, Hardin County, Henderson County 4-H, and Rossville Christian Academy teams, and the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program, and the many contributions these teams and the TNSCTP have made to youth development in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.